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8-40 a.m. DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" The Hon. Minister says that it is under inquiry."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" Several facts have to be brought forth in the inquiry. So, a half-hour debate may be allowed."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" Let the Government get a full report from the concerned department. Then only I can consider to allow the debate."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Is the Hon. Minister in order when he says that he has got a poor opinion about the people of the place whereas the people of the place are very good and brave people. They have confidence in the Government and the representatives concerned. They were under the impression that the Government would come to their rescue and take proper action after hearing the representations of the people. It is only on account of that that the people are silent. Is the Hon. Minister in order in saying that he has got a very poor opinion of the people of the place? "

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" I cannot give my opinion about it."

SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" Sir, a half-hour debate is necessary because the Ministers should know whatever happened there and then only the inquiry will be thorough. So, a half-hour debate should be allowed on this matter."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I would rather suggest that the hon. Members put in writing whether they have got to say. I shall certainly have it inquired into."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" On a point of order, Sir. The Hon. Minister has suggested that whatever things have to be stated may be put in writing and given to him. I have given at least three memoranda to the Hon. Minister for Finance addressed to him by name 'Sri C. Subramaniam'. I have not yet received any reply to them even now. He now wants that all things may be put in writing and given to him. I am afraid whether he will favour me with a reply."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I thought he had some fresh materials to give. If he refers only to the representations he has already made, I have already answered that the matter is under inquiry now."

Complaint against the Sub-Inspector of Police, Kozhikode.

* 2229 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received any representation, dated 11th February 1955, from the chairman of a public meeting at Kozhikode, complaining against the Sub-Inspector of Police,

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Kozhikode Town, Mr. Moideen Kunhi, who is alleged to have used certain words casting aspersions on the Union Parliament and State Assembly, when he was on duty in connection with a strike in Nagjee Purushotham and Company, Kozhikode, on 27th January 1955; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) The Government have not received any representation on the subject from the Chairman of any public meeting held at Kozhikode. But, I may say that the Government have received two representations on the subject. One of these, which is dated 31st January 1955, is from the General Secretary of the Commercial Employees Association, and the other, which is dated 7th February 1955, is from the Vice-President of the Sait Nagjee Purushotham & Co. Thozhilali Union.

" (b) The enquiries which were made go to show that the allegation that the Sub-Inspector of Police, Kozhikode Town, cast aspersions on the Union Parliament and the State Legislative Assembly is not true."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are the Government aware that as soon as the Sub-Inspector uttered words against the Assembly and the Parliament, I myself went to the District Superintendent of Police and informed him of the position. It was a public meeting attended by more than 10,000 people. May I know from the Hon. Minister whether it is the policy of the Government to support the Police officials in whatever they do. Who conducted the inquiry and what is the result of the inquiry? Will the Government be pleased to appoint an independent judicial officer to go into the question and make a report to the Government?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I suppose the hon. Member did not hear personally these words being uttered by the Sub-Inspector. Even he heard them from somebody else. An inquiry has been made by the District Superintendent of Police, I think, and after a full inquiry, I have received a report saying that this allegation that he cast aspersions on the Parliament or the Legislative Assembly was not true. Therefore, I do not think that any purpose will be served by ordering a judicial inquiry into the matter."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" Hon. the Leader of the Opposition."

(Sri P. Ramamurthi did not rise.)

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" May I know whether the Government officials who inquired into the matter personally heard the persons who had submitted petitions to the Government?"

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" I rise on a point of order. All along we have been under the impression that the Leader of the Opposition is Sri P. Ramamurthi. When did Sri Ramalingam

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become the Leader of the Opposition? Or, did Sri Ramalingam get up in spite of your calling upon Sri Ramamurthi to put the question?"

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—"That is not a point of order."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—"I am not questioning your decision over the point of order. Am I to understand that Sri Ramalingam is the Leader of the Opposition or is he flouting your order calling upon Sri Ramamurthi to put the question? One of the two must be corrected."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—"Sri Ramamurthi is the Leader of the Opposition. Nobody need have any doubt about it."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"Before we proceed, I want to make a small correction. It was the Revenue Divisional Officer who made the inquiry and not the Police official."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—"This question was raised previously also by the hon. Member Sri K. P. Gopalan. May I know whether in conducting the inquiry, the hon. Member who made representations in this behalf in this House was given any information as to when it was to be held and how?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"I would like to have notice for this question."

Separation of the Judiciary from the Executive in Malabar district.

* 2230 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether with reference to his statement in the Assembly on 13th August 1954 (vide Proceedings, page 611), the Government have reviewed the working of the Scheme of Separation of the Judiciary from the Executive in Malabar district specially with reference to the necessity for establishing additional courts of Judicial Sub-Magistrates?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"Yes, Sir. The review has been taken up. The proposals of the High Court for a re-distribution of jurisdiction of existing Sub-Magistrates' Courts and establishment of additional Sub-Magistrates' Courts in Malabar district are under the consideration of the Government."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—"Even in the existing Courts there is an unequal distribution and weightage in cases coming up before them. Will the Government consider this question specially when they consider this report?"